

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 425

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ben Dodd, 2007
Valedictorian of Maryville Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ben Dodd is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Maryville Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Dodd has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Ben has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous other accolades, including academic honors in Beta Club, Scholar's Bowl, and Drama while serving as a key member of his school's baseball, basketball, and soccer teams; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader among his peers, Mr. Dodd has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain, and his Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Ben Dodd has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age and volunteers his time and considerable talents to various worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at Ohio State University, from which he has received the prestigious Maximus Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ben's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ellen and Leon Dodd, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ben Dodd's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ben Dodd, the 2007 Maryville Christian School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.